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SUBJECT: PLO OFFICE IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 035509

1. UN DEP SEC GEN WINSEARE TOLD ME THAT ON JAN 16 DAOUD BARAKAT, LOCAL PLO AGENT, HAD DELIVERED TWO NOTES, ADDRESSED TO SYG WALDHEIM AND WINSPEARE, SIGNED BY HEAD OF PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, DATED 17 DECEMBER 1974, WHICH REFERRED TO THE PERTINENT GA RESOLUTION RE PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN THE UN, INTRODUCED BARAKAT AS THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT BARAKAT WOULD ENJOY THE EXPECTED COOPERATION FROM UN IN ESTABLISHING PLO OFFICE GENEVA.

2. WINSPEARE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD REFERRED THE WALDHEIM LETTER TO NEW YORK WITH THE OBSERVATION THE GA RESOLUTION DOES NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE THE UN TO REQUEST HOST GOVERNMENTS TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSERVER MISSION FOR PLO NOR DOES THE INVITATION FOR PLO TO PARTICIPATE
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AS OBSERVER AT UN AUTOMATICALLY IMPLY THAT

PLO WILL HAVE AN OBSERVER STATUS IN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

3. ACCORDING WINSEPAR, UN NEW YORK AGREES THAT THEREIS NOT WITHIN COMPETENCE SEC GEN TO GRANT OR WITHHOLD OBSERVER STATUS.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, PLO APPROACHED WINSEPAR WITH A MORE PRECISE QUERY I.E. IS THE UN PREPARED OR NOT PREPARED TO INFORM THE SWISS THAT THE PLO INTENDS TO OPEN OFFICE IN GENEVA? UN NEW YORK HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THIS QUESTION EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE POSTPONED THE ISSUE OF THIER DIPLOMATIC LIST QTE THE BLUE BOOK UNQTE, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE MATTER IS STILL UNDERCONSIDERATION BY THE UN LEGAL AUTHORITIES. DALE

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